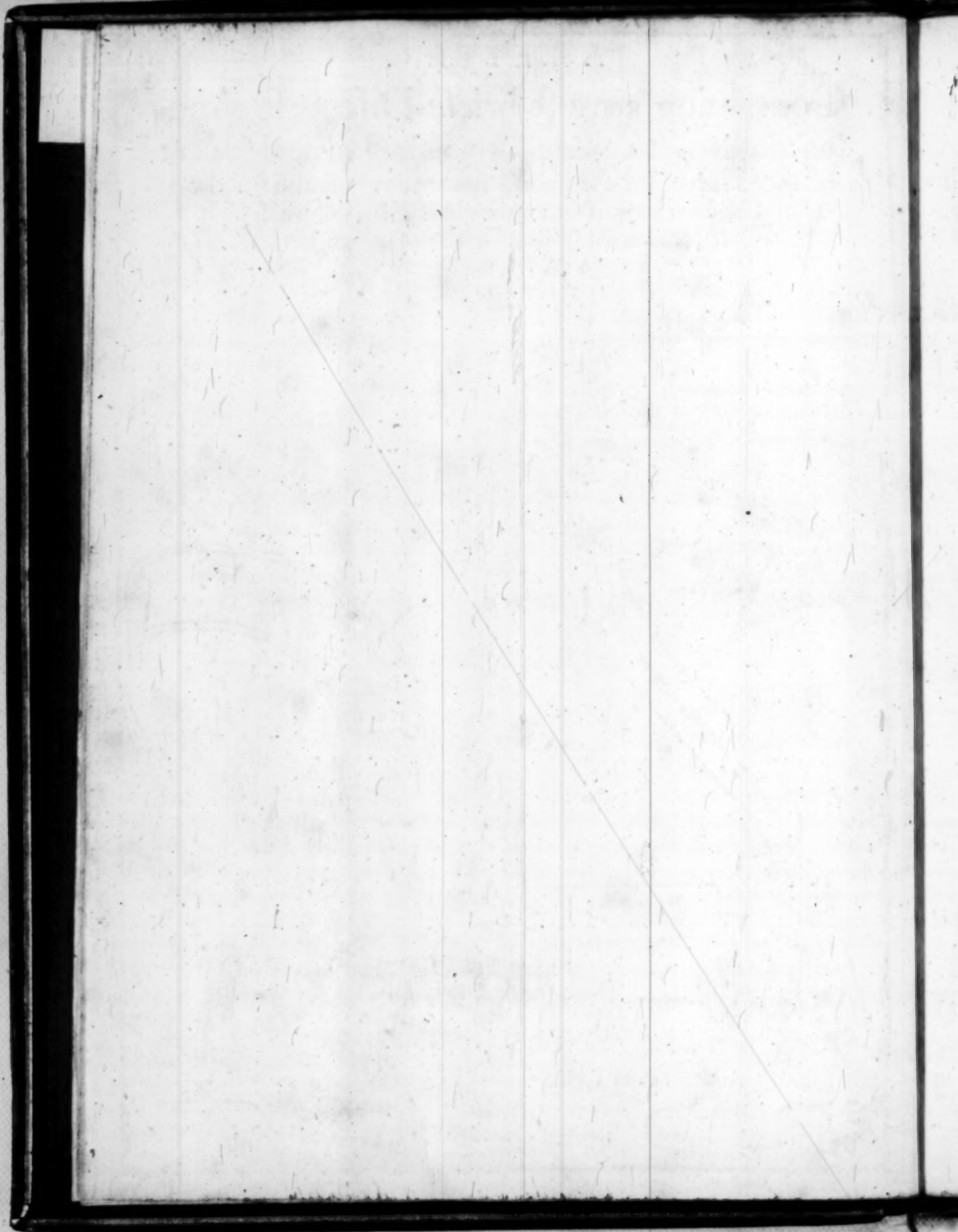


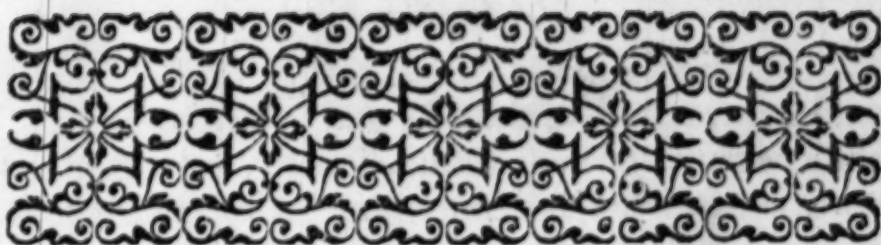
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A LETTER,
Containing a most briefe Discourse Apo-
logeticall, with a plaine Demonstration, and feruent
Protestation, for the lawfull, sincere, very faithfull and
Christian course, of the Philosophicall studies and exerci-
ses, of a certaine studious Gentleman: An ancient
Seruaunt to her most excellent
Maiesty Royall.



Pro eo, vt me diligenter, detrahant mihi:





To the most Reuerend father in God,
the Lord Archbishop of Canturbury, Primate
and Metropolitane of all England, one of her Ma-
iesties most honorable priuy Counsaile:
my singular good Lord.

MOst humbly and hartily I craue your
Graces pardon, if I offende any
thing, to send, or present vnto your
Graces hand, so simple a discourse
as this is: Although, by some sage
and discreet my friends their opiniō,
it is thought not to be impertinent,
to my most needfull suites, presently
in hand, (before her most excellent Maiesty Royall, your
Lordships good Grace, and other the Right honorable
Lords of her Maiesties priuy Counsaile) to make some
part of my former studies, and studious exercises (within
and for these 46, yeeres last past, vsed and continued) to
be first knowne and discouered vnto your Grace, and o-
ther the Right honorable my good Lordes, of her Maie-
sties priuy Counsaile: And, Secondly, afterwarde, the
same to be permitted to come to publique view: Not so

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much, to stop the mouthes, and, at length to stay the impudent attemptes, of the rash, and malicious deuifers, and contriuers of most vntrue, foolish, and wicked reports, and fables, of, and concerning my foresaid studious exercises, passed ouer, with my great, (yea incredible) paines, trauels, cares, and colts, in the search, and learning of true Philosophie; As, therein, Só, to certifie, and satisfie the godly and vnpartiall Christian hearer, or reader hereof: That, by his own iudgement, (vpon his due consideration, and examination of this, no little parcell, of the particulars of my foresaid studies, and exercises philosophicall annexed) He will, or may, be sufficiently informed, and perswaded; That I haue wonderfully labored, to finde, follow, vse, & haunt the true, straight, and most narrow path, leading all true, deuout, zealous, faithfull, and constant Christian students, *ex valle hac miseria, & miseria istius vallis: & tenebrarum Regno; & tenebris istius Regni, ad montem sanctum Syon, & ad caelestia tabernacula*. All thanks, are most due, therefore, vnto the Almighty: Seeing, it so pleased him, (euen from my youth, by his diuine fauor, grace, and helpe) to insinuate into my hart, an insatiable zeale, & desire, to knowe his truth: And in him, and by him, incessantly to seeke, and listen after the same; by the true philosophicall method and harmony: proceeding and ascending, (as it were) *gradatim*, from things visible, to consider of things inuisible: from things bodily, to conceiue of things spirituall: from things transitorie, & momentanie, to meditate of things permanent: by things mortall (*visible and inuisible*) to haue some perceiuerance of immortality. And to conclude,

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clude, most briefly; by the most meruailous frame of the *whole World*, philosophically viewed, and circumspectly wayed, numbred, and measured (according to the talent, & gift of God, from aboue allotted, for his diuine purposes effecting) most faithfully to loue, honor, and glorifie alwaies, the *Framer*, and *Creator* thereof. In whose workmanship, his infinite goodnesse, vnsearchable wisdom, and Almighty power, yea, his euerlasting * power, and diuinity, may (by innumerable meanes) be manifested, and demonstrated. The truth of which my zealous, carefull, and constant intent, and endeouour specified; may (I hope) easilie appeare by the whole, full and due suruey, and consideration of all the Bookes, Treatises, and discourses, whose Titles onely, are, at this time, here annexed, and expressed: As they are set down in the sixt Chapter, of an other little *Rhapsodicall* Treatise, intituled, *The Cōpendious Rehearsall, &c.* writtē aboue two yeares since: for those her Maiesties two honorable Commissioners; which her most excellent Maiesty had most gracioullie sent to my poore Cottage, in Mortlake: to vnderstand the matters, and causes at full; through which, I was so extremely vrged to procure at her Maiesties handes such honorable Surueiors & witnesses to be assigned, for the due prooffe of the contents, of my most humble and pitifull supplication, exhibited vnto her most excellent Maiesty, at Hampton Court, *An. 1592. Nouemb. 9.*

Thus therefore (as followeth) is y^e said 6. Chapter there, recorded.

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My labors and paines bestowed at diuers times,
to pleasure my natiue Countrey: by writing of
sundry Bookes, and Treatises: some in La-
tine, some in English, and some of
them, written, at her Maiesties
commandement.

Of which Bookes, and Treatises, some are printed, and
some vnprinted. The printed Bookes, and Treatises are
these following:

1. *Propædæmata Aphoristica, De præstantioribus quibusdã
Natura virtutibus. — Aphorismi. 120. — Anno. 1558.*
2. *Monas Hieroglyphica, Mathematicè, Anagogicèque ex-
plicata; ad Maximilianum (Dei gratia) Romanorum,
Bohemia, & Hungaria, Regem sapientissimum an. 1564.*
3. *Epistola ad eximium Ducis Vrbini Mathematicum (Frede-
ricum Commandinum) præfixa libello Machometi Bag-
dedini, De superficierum Diuisionibus; edito in lucem, o-
peramea, & eiusdem Commandini Vrbinati; Impres-
sa Pisauri — Anno — 1570.*
4. *The Brytish Monarchy (otherwise called the Petty Navy
Royall:) for the politique security; abundant wealth,
and the triumphant state of this kingdome, (with Gods
favor) procuring — Anno — 1576.*
5. *My Mathematicall præface annexed to Euclide, (by the
right worshipfull Sir Henry Billingsley Knight, in the
English language first published) written at the earnest
request of sundry right worshipfull Knights, and other
very well learned men. Wherein are many Arts, of me,
wholy inuented (by name, definition, propriety and vse,)
more then either the Gracian, or Roman Mathemati-
ciens, haue left to our knowledge — Anno — 1570.*
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- My diuers & many Annotations, and Inuentions Mathematicall, added in sundry places of the foresaid English Euclide, after the tenth Booke of the same ——— 1570.* 6.
- Epistola præfixa Ephemeridibus Ioannis Felde Angli: cui rationem declaraueram Ephemerides conscribendi. 1557.* 7.
- Paralatica Cōmentationis, Præcosq; Nucleus quidā. 1573* 8.

The vnprinted Bookes and Treatises, are these:
 some, perfectly finished: and some, yet
 vnfinished.

- T**He first great volume of Famous and rich Discoueries :
 wherein (also) is the History of King Salomon, euery three
 yeeres, his Ophirian voyage. The Originals of Presby-
 ter Ioannes: and of the first great Cham, and his successors
 for many yeeres following: The description of diuers won-
 derfull Iles, in the Northen, Scythian, Tartarian, and
 the other most Northen Seas, and neere vnder the North
 Pole: by Record, written aboue 1200. yeeres since: with
 diuers other rarities ——— Anno ——— 1576. 9.
- T**he Brytish Complement, of the perfect Art of Nauigati-
 on; A great volume: in which, are contained our
 Queene Elizabeth her Arithmeticall Tables Gubernau-
 ticke: for Nauigation by the Paradoxall compasse (of me,
 inuented anno 1557.) and Nauigation by great Circles:
 and for longitudes, and latitudes; and the variation of the
 compasse finding most easilie, and speedily: yea, (if neede
 be) in one minute of time, and sometime, without sight of
 sunne, moone, or star; with many other, new and neede-
 full inuentions Gubernauticke ——— anno ——— 1576. 10.
- H**er Maiesties Title Royall, to many forrain Cuntries, king-
 domes, and prouinces, by good testimony and sufficient
 prooffe. 11.

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- proofe recorded: and in 12 Velam skins of parchment, faire
written: for her Maiesties vse: and at her Maiesties
commandement ————— anno ————— 1578
12. *De Imperatoris Nomine, Authoritate, & Potentia: de-
dicated to her Maesty* ————— anno ————— 1579
13. *Prolegomena & Dictata Parisiensia, in Euclidis Elemen-
torum Geometricorum, librum primum, & secundum; in
Collegio Rhemensi* ————— anno ————— 1550.
14. *De usu Globi Caelestis: ad Regem Edoardum sextum.* 1550
15. *The Art of Logicke, in English* ————— anno ————— 1547.
16. *The 13. Sophisticall Fallaciās, with their Discoveries, writ-
ten in English meter* ————— anno ————— 1548.
17. *Mercurius Caelestis: libri—24. written at Louayn—* 1549.
18. *De Nubium, Solis, Luna, ac reliquorum Planetarum, in mid
ipsius stelliferi Cali, ab infimo Terra Centro, distantijs,
mutuisq; interuallis, & eorundem omnium Magnitudine
liber ἀποδεικτικος, ad Edoardum Sextum, Anglia Regē.
Anno* ————— 1551.
19. *Aphorismi Astrologici—300. ————— anno ————— 1553.*
20. *The true cause, and account (not vulgar) of Fluds and Ebbs:
written at the request of the right honorable Lady, Lady
Iane, Duchesse of Northumberland—* anno ————— 1553.
21. *The Philosophicall and Poeticall Originall occasions, of the
Configurations, and names of the heauenly Asterismes—
written at the request of the same Duchesse. Anno.* 1553.
22. *The Astronomicall, & logisticall rules, and Canons, to calcu-
late the Ephemerides by, and other necessary accounts of
heauenly motions: written at the request, and for the vse
of that excellent Mechanicien Maister Richard Chaun-
celor, at his last voyage into Moschouia—* anno ————— 1553.
23. *De Acribologia Mathematica; volumen magnum: sex-de-
cim continens libros* ————— anno ————— 1555
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| <i>Inuentum Mechanicum, Paradoxum, De noua ratione delineandi Circumferentiam Circularem: unde, valde rara alia excogitari perficique poterunt problemata. An. 1556.</i> | 24. |
| <i>De speculis Comburentibus: libri sex—Anno—1557.</i> | 25. |
| <i>De Perspectiua illa, qua peritissimi utuntur Pictores. 1557.</i> | 26. |
| <i>Speculum unitatis: siue Apologia pro Fratre Rogerio Bache Anglo: in qua docetur nihil illum per Daemoniorum fecisse auxilia, sed philosophum fuisse maximum; naturaliterque & modis homini Christiano licitis, maximas fecisse res, quas indoctum solet vulgus, in Daemoniorum referre facinora—Anno—1557.</i> | 27. |
| <i>De Annuli Astronimici multiplici usu—lib. 2—Anno. 1557.</i> | 28. |
| <i>Trochilica Inuenta—lib—2—Anno—1558.</i> | 29. |
| <i>περί ἀνακρίσεως καὶ θεολογικῶν—lib—3—Anno—1558.</i> | 30. |
| <i>De tertia & præcipua Perspectiua parte, qua de Radium fractione tractat—libri—3—Anno—1559.</i> | 31. |
| <i>De itinere subterraneo—libri—2—Anno—1560.</i> | 32. |
| <i>De Triangulorum rectilineorum Arcis—libri—3—demonstrati: ad excellentissimum Mathematicum Petrum Nonium conscripti—Anno—1560.</i> | 33. |
| <i>Cabala Hebraica compendiosa tabella—Anno—1562.</i> | 34. |
| <i>Reipublica Britannica Synopsis: in English—Anno. 1565.</i> | 35. |
| <i>De Trigono Circinòque Analogico, Opusculum, Mathematicum & Mechanicum—libri—4—Anno—1565.</i> | 36. |
| <i>De stella admiranda, in Cassiopea Asterismo, calitus demissa ad orbem usque veneris: Iterumque in Cali penetrabilia perpendiculariter retracta, post decimum sextum suæ apparitionis mensem—Anno—1573.</i> | 37. |
| <i>Hipparchus Rediuius—Tractatulus—Anno. 1573.</i> | 38. |
| <i>De unico Mago, & triplici Herode, eoque Antichristiano. Anno—1570.</i> | 39. |
| <i>Ten sundry and very rare Heraldical Blasonings of one Crest</i> | 40. |

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or Cognisance, lawfully confirmed to certaine auncient
Armes ——— lib. 1. ——— Anno ——— 1574.

41. *Atlantidis, (vulgariter, India Occidentalis nominata) e-
mendatior descriptio Hydrographica, quàm vlla alia ad-
huc euulgata ——— anno ——— 1580.*
42. *De modo Euangelij Iesu Christi publicandi, propagandi, sta-
biliendique, inter Infideles Atlanticos: volumen magnum,
libris distinctum quatuor: quorū primus ad Serenissimam
nostram Potentissimamque Reginam Elizabetham inscri-
bitur: Secundus, ad summos priuati suae sacrae Maiestatis
consilij senatores: Tertius, ad Hispaniarum Regem, Phi-
lippum: Quartus, ad Pontificem Romanum — anno 1581.*
43. *Nauigationis ad Cathayum per Septentrionalia Scythia &
Tartaria litora, Delineatio Hydrographica: Arthuro
Pit, & Carolo Iackmanno Anglis, versus illas partes Na-
uigaturis, in manus tradita; cum admirandarum quarun-
dam Insularum annotatione, in illis subpolaribus parti-
bus iacentium ——— anno ——— 1580.*
44. *Hemispherij Borealis Geographica, atque Hydrographica de-
scriptio: longè a vulgatis chartis diuersa: Anglis quibus-
dam, versus Atlantidis Septentrionalia litora, nauigatio-
nem instituentibus, dono data ——— anno ——— 6583*
45. *The Originals, and chiefe points, of our auncient Brytish Hi-
stories, discoursed vpon, and examined — anno — 1583.*
46. *An aduise & discourse about the Reformation of the vulgar
Iulian yeere — written by her Maiesties commandement,
and the Lords of the priny Counsaile ——— anno — 1582.*
47. *Certaine considerations, and conferrings together, of these
three sentences, (aunciently accounted as Oracles) Nosce
te ipsum: Homo Homini Deus: Homo Homini Lupus. 1592*
48. *De hominis Corpore, Spiritu, & Anima: siue Microcosmicum
totius Philosophiae Naturalis Compendium — lib. 1 — 1591*

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With many other bookes, pamphlets, discourses, inventions, and conclusions, in diuers Artes and matters: whose names, need not in this Abstract to be notified: The most part of all which, here specified, lie heere before your Honours vpon the table, on your left hand. But by other bookes and writings, of an other sort, (if it so please God, and that he wil grant me life, health, and due maintenance thereto, for some ten or twelue yeares next ensuing) I may, hereafter make plaine, and without doubt, this sentence to be true, *Plura latent, quàm patent.*

Thus far (my good Lord) haue I set downe this *Catalogus*, out of the foresaid sixt Chapter, of the booke, whose title is this:

The Compendious rehearfall of Iohn Dee, his dutifull declaration and prooffe of the course and race of his studious life, for the space of halfe an hundred yeeres, now (by Gods fauor and helpe) fully spent, &c.

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To which compendious rehearfall, doth now belong an *Appendix*, of these two last yeeres; In which I haue had many iust occasions, to confesse, that *Homo Homini Deus*, and *Homo Homini Lupus*, was and is an Argumēt, worthy of the decyphering, & large discussing: as may, one day, hereafter (by Gods helpe) be published, in some maner very strange. And besides all the rehearsed books, & treatises of my writing, or handling hitherto, I haue iust cause, lately giuen me to write & publish a Treatise, with Title, *De Horizonte Aeternitatis*: to make euident, that one *Andreas Libanius*, in a booke of his, printed the last yeere, hath vnduly considered a phraze of my *Monas Hieroglyphica*: to his misliking:

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by his own vnskilfulnes in such matter: and not vnderstanding my apt application thereof, in one of the very principal places, of the whole book. And

It may now be here also remembered, that almost three yeeres after the writing of this letter, I did somewhat satisfie the request of an honorable friend in Court, by speedilie penning some matter concerning her maiesties Sea-
soveraigntie: vnder this title

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Thalassocrasia Brytannica.

Sine,

De Brytanico Maris Imperio, Collesanea Extemporanea: 4. diem Spacio, caeteri conscripta calamo. Anno, 1597. — Sep- temb. 20. Mancestria.

this booke of mine, (by Gods help and fauour) shall be dedicated vnto her most excellent maicesty Roi-
all: And this Treatise doth con-
taine three bookes, *The first inti-*

tled, De Horizonte: liber Mathe-

maticus & Physicus. The Secōd, De

Aeternitate: liber Theologicus,

Metaphysicus & Mathematicus.

The Third, De Horizonte Aeter-

nitatis: liber Theologicus, Mathe-

maticus, & Hierotechnicus.

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¶ Truly I haue great cause to praise and thanke God, for your graces verie charitable vsing of me: both in sundry points else, & also in your fauorable yelding to, yea & notifying the due meanes for the performance of her Sacred Maiesties most gracious and bountifull disposition, resolution, and very royall beginning, to restore and giue vnto me (her Ancient faithfull seruant) some due maintenance: to leade the rest of my old daies, in some quiet and comfort: with habilitie, to retaine some speedy, faire, and Orthographicall writers, about me, and the same skilfull in Latine and Greeke (at the least:) aswell for mine owne bookes, and workes, faire and correctly to be written (such I meane, as either her most excellent Maiestie, out of the premisses will make choise of, or command to be finished or published: or such of them, as your grace shall thinke

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meete or worthy for my farther labor to be bestowed on:) as else for the speedy, faire, and true writing out of other ancient Authors their good and rare workes, in greeke or Latine: which by Gods prouidence, haue been preserued frō the spoile made of my Librarie, & of all my moueable goods here: &c. Anno. 1583. ✠

In which Librarie, were about 4000 bookes: whereof, 700. were anciently written by hande: Some in Greeke, some in Latine, some in Hebrue: And some in other languages (as may by the whole *Catalogus* thereof appeare.) But the great losses and dammages which

✠ Although that my last voyage beyond y Seas, was duly vndertakē (by her Ma-iesties good fauour and licence) as by the same words may appeare in the Letter, written by the right honourable Lord Threasorer, vnto your grace in my behalfe, and her most excellent maiestie willing his honor so to do. Anno. 1590. the 20. of Ianuarie.

in sundry sorts I haue sustained, do not so much grieue my hart, as the rash, lewde, fond, and most vntrue fables and reports of me, and my studies philosophicall, haue done, & yet do: which cōmonly, after their first hatching, and diuelish deuising, immediatly with great speede, are generally all the Realme ouerspread; and to some, seeme true; to other, they are doubtfull: and to only the wise, modest, discreet, godly, and charitable (and chiefelie to such as haue some acquaintance with me) they appeare, and are knowne to be fables, vntruths, and vtterly false reports, and sclaunders. Well, this shall be my last charitable giuing of warning, and feruent protestation to my COUNTRYMEN and all other in this case:

Before the Almighty our God, and your Lordships good A feruent
grace, this day, on the perill of my soules damnation (if I lie, or protestatiō
take his name in vaine herein) I take the same God, to be my

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witness; That, with all my hart, with all my soule, with all my strength, power, and understanding (according to the measure thereof, which the Almighty hath giuen me) for the most part of the time, from my youth hitherto, I haue vsed, and still vse, good, lawfull, honest, christian, and diuinely prescribed meanes, to attaine to the knowledge of those truthe, which are meet, and necessary for me to know; and wherewith to do his diuine Maiesty such seruice, as hee hath, doth, and will call me vnto, during this my life: for his honor and glory aduancing, and for the benefit, and commoditie publique of this kingdome; so much, as by the will, and purpose of God, shall lie in my skill, and hability to performe: as a true, faithfull, and most sincerely dutifull seruant, to our most gracious and incomparable Queene Elizabeth, and as a very comfortable fellow-member of the body politique, gouerned vnder the scepter Royal of our earthly Supream head (Queene Elizabeth) and as a liuely sympathicall, and true symmetricall fellow-member, of that holy and mysticall body, Catholicklie extended and placed (wherefoeuer) on the earth: in the view, knowledge, direction, protection, illumination, and consolation of the Almighty, most blessed, most holy, most glorious, conaesticall, coeternall, and coessentiall Trinity: The head of that body, being only our Redeemer, Christ Iesus, perfect God and perfect man: whose returne in glory, we faithfully awaite, and daily, do very earnestly cry vnto him, to hasten his second comming, for his electes sake: iniquity doth so on this earth, abound, and preuaile, and true faith with charity, and Euangelicall simplicity, haue but colde, slender, and vncertaine intertainement, among the worldly-wise men of this worlde.

Therefore (herein concluding) I beseech the Almighty God, most abundantly to increase and confirme your graces
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heavenly wisdom, and endue you with all the rest of his heavenly gifts, for the relieuing, refreshing, and comforting, both bodily and spiritually, his little flocke of the faithfull, yet militant here on earth. Amen.

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Good my Lord, I beseech your grace, to allowe of my plaine and comfortable Epilogus, for this matter at this time. Seeing, my studious exercises, and conuersation ciuile, may be abundantly testified, to my good credit, in the most partes of all Christendome: and that, by all degrees of Nobility, by al degrees of the learned, and by very many other, of godly and Christian disposition, for the space of 46. yeeres triall: (as appeareth by the Records lately viewed by two honourable witnesses, by Commission from her Maiesty,) And seeing, for these 36. yeeres, last past, I haue beene her most excellent Maiesties very true, faithfull, and dutifull seruant; At whose royall mouth, I neuer receiued any one word of reproch; but all of fauor, and grace: In whose princely countenance, I neuer perceiued frowne toward me, or discontented regard, or view on me: but at all times fauorable, and gracious: to the great ioy and comfort of my true, faithfull, and loyall hart. And (thirdly) Seeing, the workes of my handes, and wordes of my mouth (heere before notified, in the Schedule of my bookes, and writings) may beare liuely witnesse of the thoughts of my hart, and inclination of my minde, generally, (as all wise men do know, and Christ himselfe doth auouch) It might, in manner, seeme needlesse, thus carefully

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fully (though most briefly and speedily) to haue warned
or confounded the scornfull, the malicious, the proud,
and the rash in their vntrue reports, opinions, and fables
of my studies, or exercises Philosophicall: but that, it is
of more importance, that the godly, the honest, the mo-
dest, the discreet, graue, and charitable Christians (Eng-
lish or other,) louers of Iustice, truth, and good learning,
may, hereby, receiue certaine comfort in themselues (to
perceiue, that *Veritas tandem praualebit*) and sufficient-
ly be weaponed and armed with sound truth, to defende
me against such kinde of my aduersaries: if hereafter they
will begin afresh, or hould on, obstinately, in their for-
mer errors, vaine imaginations, false reportes, and most
vngodly scanders of me and my studies. ¶ Therefore,
(to make all this cause, for euer, before God and man, out
of all doubt;) Seeing, your Lordships good grace, are,
as it were, our high Priest, and chiefe Ecclesiasticall mi-
nister, (vnder our most dread and Soueraigne Ladie,
Queene Elizabeth) to whose censure and iudgement, I
submit all my studies and exercises; yea all my bookes,
past, present and hereafter to be written, by me (of my own
skill, iudgement, or opinion,) I do, at this present time,
most humbly, sincerelie, and vnfaignedly, and in the name
of Almighty God, (yea for his honor and glory) request,
and beseech your Grace, (when, and as conueniently you
may) to be well and throughlie certified of me, what I am,
*Intus & in cute: Reuerendissime in Christo Pater, &
Dignissime Archiprasul, cognosce & agnosce vultum
tam internum, quàm externum pecoris tui:* And wherein I
haue vsed, doe or shall vse, pen, speech, or conuersation,
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otherwise then as it appertaineth to a faithfull, carefull, sincere, and humble seruant of Christ Iesu, That your grace woulde vouchsafe to aduertise me. So, I trust, *Vltima respondebunt primis*: in such sort, as this *Authenticke Recorde* in latine annexed (*ad perpetuam rei memoriam*), doth testifie: hauing neuer, hitherto, had occasion to shewe that, in any place of Christendome: to testifie better of me, then they had prooffe of me, themselves, by my conuersation among them. (The Almighty, therefore, be highly thanked, praised, honored, and glorified, for euer and euer, Amen.)

But nowe, in respect of the generall intent of this brieue discourse, I most humbly, and reuerently, exhibit to your graces view, and perusing, the originall monument, and Authentick Record, before mentioned, faire written in parchment, with the seale whole, and perfect, duly appendant: as I haue 46.yeeres, and somewhat longer, preserved it. The true copy whereof, your grace doth see, to be *verbatim*, as followeth.

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VNiuerſis Sanctæ matris Eccleſiæ filiis, ad quos præſen-
 tes literæ peruentura ſunt, Vicecancellarius Cetusq;
 omnis Regentium & non Regentium, Uniuerſitatis Can-
 tabrigiæ, Salutem in Domino ſempiternam. Condi-
 tiones & merita hominū in noſtra Uniuerſitate ſtudentium,
 affectu ſincero perpendentes, eos ſolos teſtimonio noſtro
 ornandos eſſe arbitramur, quos ſcimus ob eruditionem, &
 morum probitatem promeritos eſſe, ut iſtud beneficium à
 nobis conſequantur: Quamobrem, cū hoc tempore, ipſa
 veritas teſtimonium noſtrum ſibi poſtulat, veſtræ pietati,
 per has literas ſignificamus, Quòd dilectus nobis in Chri-
 ſto, Ioannes Dee, Artium Magiſter, in dicta noſtra v-
 niuerſitate, ſæliciter verſatus, plurimam ſibi & doctri-
 næ & honeſtatis laudem comparauit: De cuius gradu, &
 conuerſatione (quæ honeſtiſſima ſemper fuit,) ne qua vſpi-
 am ambiguitas, aut quæſtio oriri poſſit, apud eos, quibus
 huius viri virtutes haud ſatis innotuerint, viſum eſt no-
 bis, in dicti Joannis gratiam, has literas noſtras Teſtimo-
 niales conſcribere; & conſcriptas, publico Academiæ no-
 ſtræ ſigillo, obſignare: quò, maiorem apud vos authorita-
 tem, & pondus literæ noſtræ habeant, Bene valete. Da-
 tum Cantabrigiæ, in plena Conuocatione Magiſtrorum
 Regentium, & non Regentium, Academiæ prædictæ: 14.
 Calend. Aprilis, Anno à Chriſto nato. 1548.

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Apologeticall.

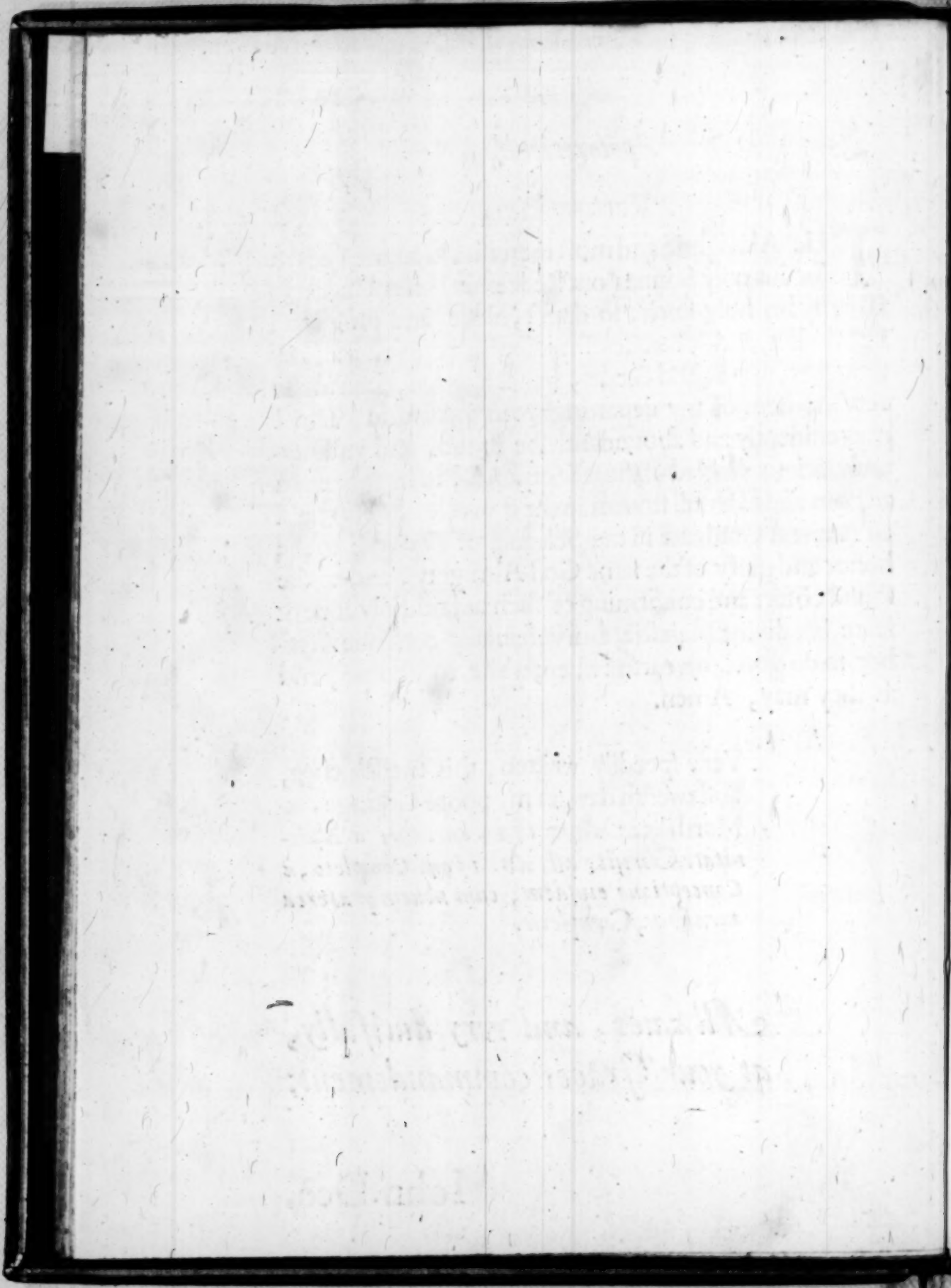
Peroratio.

THe Almighty and most mercifull God, the Father; for his only Sonne (our Redeemer) Iesus Christ his sake: by his holy spirit, so direct, blesse, and prosper all my studies, and exercises Philosophicall, (yea, all my thoughts, words, and deedes) henceforward, euen to the very moment of my departing from this world, That I may euidently and abundantly be found, and vndoubtedly acknowledged of the wise and iust, to haue beene a zealous and faithfull student in the Schoole of *Verity*, and an Ancient Graduate in the Schoole of *Charity*: to the honor and glory of the same God Almighty, and to the sound comfort and confirming of such as faithfully loue & feare his diuine Maiestie, and vnfeinedly continue in labor to do good, on earth: when, while, to whome, and as they may, Amen.

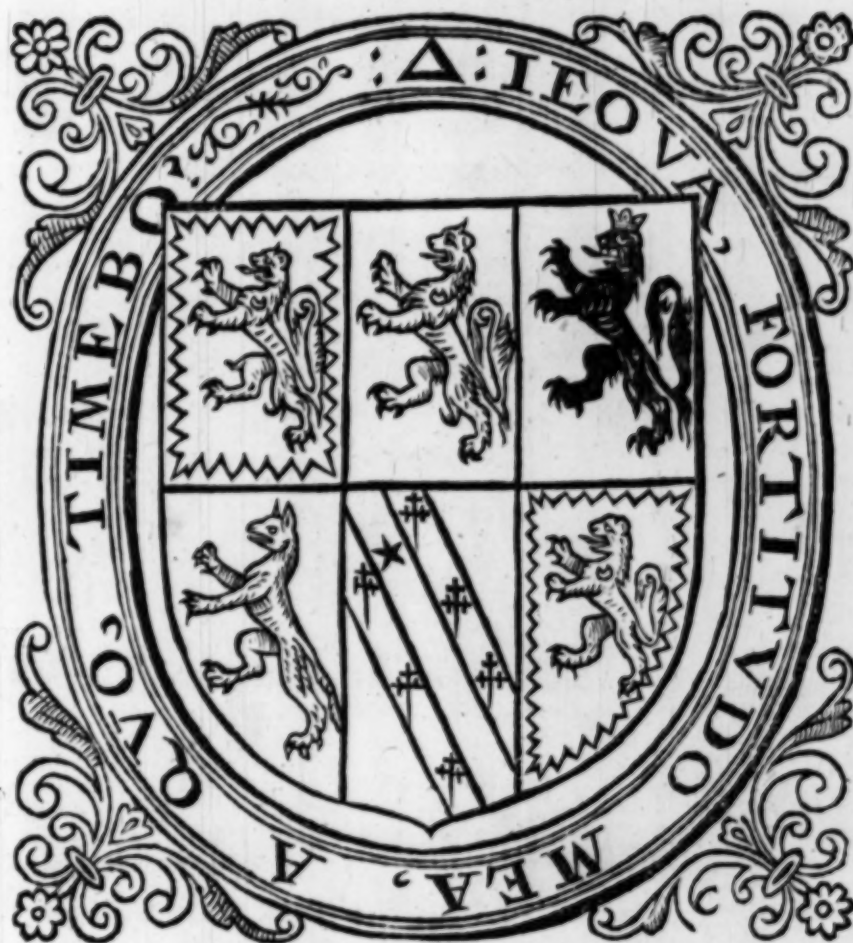
Very speedily written, this twelfth euen, and twelfth day, in my poore Cottage, at Mortlake: *Anno. 1595. currente à Natiuitate Christi: ast, An. 1594. Completo, à Conceptione eiusdem, cum nouem praterea mensibus, Completis.*

*Allwaies, and very dutifully,
at your Graces commandement:*

John Dec.



APOCALYPTIS, 5
 Ecce, vicit Leo de tribu Iuda (radix David) aperire librum, & solvere septem
 Signacula eius.



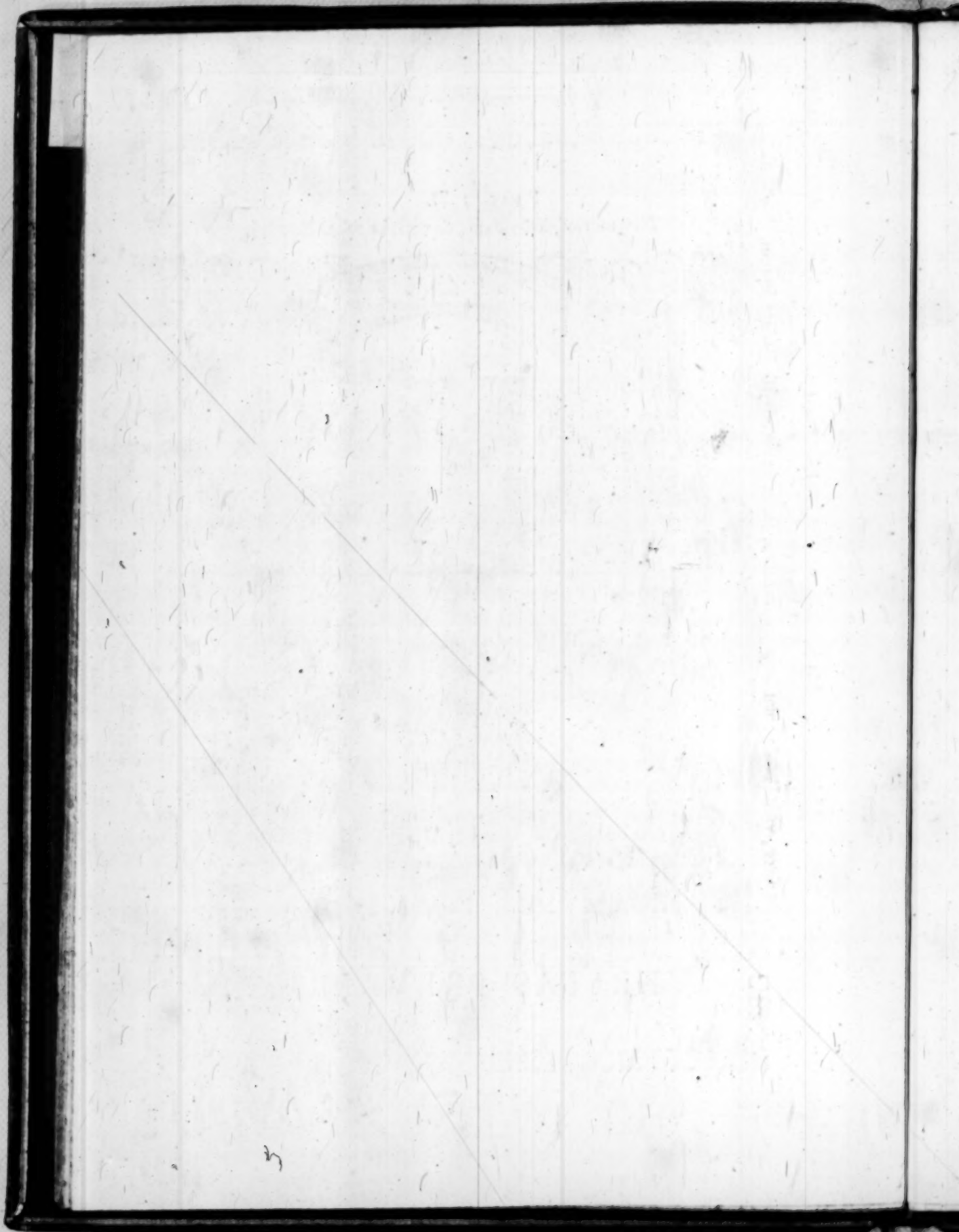
In sola Christi cruce fixa est omnis nostra gloria.

ANNO MVNDI NOVO INCHOANTE.

VERITAS PREVALEBIT.

PSAL. II 8.

Non moriar, sed viuam, & nartabo opera Domini:



1529.



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